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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) Request for Assistance in Reproducing Photographs

25X1 1. [ ] O/DDA, phoned [ ] Acting Deputy Legislative 25X1  
25X1 Counsel, to report that [ ] Deputy Chief of the Photographic and  
Printing Division, had a request from a Lance Svendsen, of the House Select  
Committee on Assassinations, for enlargements of twenty photographs, nature  
undescribed except that they are considered "sensitive." The request had not  
come through OLC.

25X1 2. After some telephoning (G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and  
Staff Director, HSCA, and Svendsen after he arrived at P&PD, with advice of  
[ ] of OGC) the following was ascertained: the Office of Security  
man working at HSCA undertook to make the arrangements, explaining how it  
got out of channels; the photographs consisted of twenty 35mm slides of the  
autopsy of Martin Luther King; the slides had been made available by a  
county medical officer, with no conditions attached (therefore no copyright  
question, and no other federal government agency with a possible propriety  
interest); one copy only of each was desired, enlarged for use by a medical  
panel being convened by the HSCA; the HSCA considered it a reimbursable  
activity, to be charged to the Committee.

25X1 3. I phoned [ ] and stated that OGC saw no problems in the  
Agency providing this service. I asked that his work order show the following:  
that a representative of the HSCA was to be present during the entire procedure;  
that a copy only be made of each slide; that the Agency was to keep no copies of any  
of the material, all being removed by the HSCA representative; that the cost of  
the work was to be reimbursable by HSCA. His work order will record  
me as authorizing the work.

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